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For: CHILD VEHICLE SEAT WITH CHILD-RESTRAINT HARNESS
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

AMENDMENT

(Box Non-Fee Amendment)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 2, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 23, 25, 26 and 28 as follows:

1. (Amended) A child-restraint seat comprising
a seat shell including a bottom seat portion and a back support portion, the seat shell
being adapted to be coupled to a vehicle seat by a seat anchor coupled to the vehicle,
a child-restraint harness coupled to the seat shell, and
a harness-control panel formed to include a belt-receiving opening receiving a
shoulder belt portion of the child-restraint harness, the harness-control panel being mounted on the
seat shell for up and down movement relative to the seat shell to raise and lower the shoulder belt
portion of the child-restraint harness with respect to the bottom seat portion to harness small-sized
children and large-sized children in a restrained position in the seat shell, the harness-control panel
being positioned to lie adjacent to a front surface of the back support portion to cause a child seated
in the seat shell to rest against the harness-control panel.

2. (Amended) The child-restraint seat of claim 1, wherein the harness-control
[plate] panel includes a back plate formed to include first and second spaced-apart slots defining the
belt-receiving opening, the shoulder belt portion of the child-restraint harness includes first and
second shoulder belts, the [seat shell further includes a] back support portion is positioned to lie at

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